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CHICAGO WHOLE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS IN MAY

About 4,805,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during May at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the arrivals in April--amounting to 4,907,000 pounds--this represents a decrease of 102,000 pounds. Receipts for May of this year are 343,000 pounds under those of May 1940. Receipts for the first five months of 1941 now amount to 27,317,000 pounds--an increase of 3,028,000 pounds, or 12 percent, over the total of 24,289,000 pounds for the same five months in 1940.

During May 1941, 75 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 24 States and 5 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,449,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 1,444,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 912,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,887,000 pounds of the total May receipts; 918,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were

greatest from British Columbia, which sent in 552,000 pounds, mostly halibut; of this total 458,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Fresh-water species received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during May were lake trout (653,000 pounds); yellow perch (335,000 pounds); fresh and frozen whitefish (241,000 pounds); carp (192,000 pounds); lake herring (183,000 pounds); yellow pike (166,000 pounds); and sheepshead (154,000 pounds).

Predominating salt water species were fresh and frozen halibut (567,000 pounds), and frozen rosefish fillets, with 420,000 pounds.

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 717,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 30,000 pounds of lobsters; 26,000 pounds of frozen squid; and 26,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails.

Massachusetts (790,000 pounds); Michigan (787,000 pounds); Wisconsin (564,000 pounds); Louisiana (510,000 pounds); and Ohio (429,000 pounds), were the leading States sending in fishery products to the Chicago Market.

A total of 2,125,000 pounds of fish and shellfish was delivered to Chicago by truck during May; 1,751,000 pounds by express; and the remainder of 929,000 pounds by freight.

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